GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2842
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Rajiv Gandhi National Scholarship
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students who have been given scholarships under the Rajiv Gandhi National Scholarship Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of students offered the said scholarships and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated/spent on the scheme during the said period, Statewise; and

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to increase funds for Rajiv Gandhi National Scholarship Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): The total number of students who have been given scholarships under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Castes Students (RGNF-SC) during each of the last three years and current year, state-wise is attached at Annexure-I.

(b): The number of slots for award of fellowship under RGNF (SC) have been increased from 1333 to 2000 in the year 2010. The views of University Grant Commission (UGC), the implementing agency, have been sought for further increase of slots.

(c): Funds are allocated to UGC for release to the fellowship holders. The details of funds allocated under RGNF (SC) during the last three years and the current year are as under;

Year Fund allocated to UGC
(Rs. in crore)
2012-13 0.00*
2013-14 24.50
2014-15 148.84
2015-16 200.55
* UGC had unspent balances of the past years. Every year 2000 fellowship is distributed.

The release of funds to RGNF (SC) scholars state-wise is given at Annexure-II

(d): No, Madam. As and when there is requirement for higher outlay additional funds are requested for.